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It's Time For a Change of Tory Tactics

Adopting tactics hoary with age, and which have been employed by Opposition parties times without number when they had no real ground of criticism against the policy and administrative record of the Government of the day, and no alternative constructive policy to offer, Dr. J. T. M. Anderson and his political lieutenants are raising, and with parrot-like regularity repeating, the cry "It's time for a change," coupling therewith the most extravagant claims of a great revulsion of feeling throughout the Province against the Liberal party.

Such tactics are not new to Dr. Anderson. It is an old game with him, and one he played to a finish in the election campaign of 1925 against Premier Dunning. Having learned nothing from the overwhelming defeat inflicted upon his party four years ago, Dr. Anderson is repeating the same cry, and making the same wild statements and predictions that he shouted from the platforms in 1924 and 1925. If his declarations then were reprinted today they would serve exactly the same purpose as those to which he is now giving utterance. He strove then, as he strives now, to enthuse his followers and stampede the wavering with unsupported assertions that large numbers of former Liberals are turning against the Gardiner Government, and that victory for the Conservatives is assured.

Throughout 1924, Dr. Anderson and his supporters lost no opportunity to tell the public that the Dunning Government was doomed; that there was a great uprising against it; that thousands of Liberals were disgusted and in revolt; that people everywhere

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were flocking to the Conservative standard. Here are a few samples of his 1924 predictions:

At Saskatoon, as reported in the Saskatoon Star, May 10, 1924: "I am surprised at the way they are flocking back." He then read a letter which he said was indicative of the feeling throughout the Province. In the letter the writer stated he was fed up with being led by a figurehead, and fed up with the present Government.

Extract from "The Conservative Point of View" in the Moose Jaw Times, July 23, 1924: "Reference is made in the foregoing article to changes in opinion that are becoming apparent among many of those who have long been supporters of the Liberal Administration at Regina."

Speaking at Moose Jaw on October 15, 1924, Dr. Anderson expressed himself thus: "Many are flocking to the standard of the party, many who were supporters of the present Administration. In the districts through which I have travelled A VAST MAJORITY are opposed to the present Provincial Administration."

Speaking in London, Ontario, as reported in the press November 29, 1924, Dr. Anderson said: "However, with better education in Saskatchewan, thousands of young non-British farmers are deserting Premier Dunning and the Liberals and joining the Conservative party." He repeated the same statement in the City of Toronto.

Speaking in Rosetown, December 19, 1924, he is reported in the Moose Jaw Times, as follows: "He outlined his work as organizer and was able to give a very encouraging report of the number of constituencies in which good work was being done and the manner in which the Conservatives and many others are rallying to his banner. He also scathingly denounced Mr. Dunning and The Leader. Mr. Anderson has just returned from Ontario and is brimful of confidence."

So much for his predictions in 1924. Then on February 27, 1925, he is reported in "The Conservative Point of View" in the Moose Jaw Times, as saying: "Judging from present signs there is likely to be an early appeal. If an election is brought on before seeding it will be because the Government fear to wait longer. If they wait longer their chances of success will daily grow less hopeful. The great wave of opposition that is passing over the Province will, if given a few months longer, completely engulf them."

All of which sounds very much like 1928 and 1929. For the past twelve months and more Dr. Anderson has been going up and down the Province announcing probable election dates, then declaring that the Government was afraid to face the electorate, and predicting that with every passing month their chances were becoming weaker—just as he did in 1925.

But the 1925 election was not held before seeding. The longer delay until after seeding was granted which Dr. Anderson declared would result in the Opposition being able to “completely engulf” the Government. And the result? The election of 51 Liberals and just three Conservatives.

Dr. Anderson inherited the traditional campaign tactics of the Conservative party in Saskatchewan, which, in election after election since 1905 made no effective appeal to the people of this Province. In fact, the electorate were so disgusted by them that Conservative representation in the last two Legislatures has been reduced almost to the vanishing point. Furthermore, he is still surrounded by the same group of political advisers who can comprehend no other style of campaign.

The cry “It’s time for a change” was raised against the Government of Hon. Walter Scott, and the same predictions were made that Liberals were deserting him in their thousands.

It was repeated against Hon. W. M. Martin, and, as shown, against Hon. C. A. Dunning. It is now once again doing duty against Hon. J. G. Gardiner.

Admittedly, it is time for a change in one respect—a change in Tory tactics.

Dr. Anderson has always been a false prophet. He is merely whistling to keep up his own courage and in an endeavor to hoodwink his followers.

He prophesied that he would win Arm River, and his candidate declared that as Arm River went so would the Province go in the general election. He had the best chance to win in Arm River of any rural constituency in Saskatchewan. He played every trick, fair and foul, and lost.

Just as Dunning won in 1925 so will Gardiner win because his cause is good, his record of achievement most commendable, his policy progressive and constructive, his Government courageous and strong.

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